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                  Now, without going back and locating
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           Q.
      all of them, as I read the various Performance
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      Appraisal forms we have just reviewed, which are
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      exhibits 2, 5, 6, 7, and this is now 8, on about
      every one of them you were rated as "Meets
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      Expectations." Do you concur?
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                  Yes, sir.
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           Α.
                  And this one actually is the most
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           0.
      positive of any evaluation you have had, that is,
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      it has more "very Good" checks than any other one.
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      would you agree?
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                                       Can I explain --
                        THE WITNESS:
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                        MR. CHOATE:
                                      Sure.
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                   Can I explain for you why this is like
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           Α.
      that?
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                   Well, no --
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           Q.
                   I agree.
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           Α.
                   Now, apparently you want to explain why
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           0.
      you think that happened.
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                   Yes, sir.
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           Α.
                   Why do you think Mr. San Miguel is
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      actually giving you what appears to be a positive
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      evaluation at this point in time?
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                   Mr. San Miguel had given me a lot of
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      positive evaluations. Mr. Laney had given me
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1	positive and "meets expectations" evaluations.
2	There was a silent law in the Fred Meyer, in there.
3	The law was that when you are overrated it is
4	always "Meets Expectations," so that you have more
5	room for improvement. Because if you get "Very
6	Good" or "Over Expectations," there is no more room
7	for improvement, and we do not believe that we can
8	reach a person it has always room.
9	But the proof to that, that we are
10	doing a great job, are the raises that we get from
11	our paycheck. And
12	Q. And what?
13	A. That is why I mean to say, if a person
14	is not doing a good job, then that person will not
15	have a raise.
16	Q. Did you get a raise?
17	A. I get a raise, sir.
18	Q. All right. Now, how would you
19	characterize your relationship with Mr. San Miguel
20	as of the date of this performance review, which
21	appears to be June 12, 2001?
22	A. Good, sir.
23	Q. Had he ever made a comment to you that
24	you were too old to work?
25	A. Sometimes he'd say that, because I did.

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1	Q.	I didn't understand the answer. Can
2	you explain	that?
3	Α.	I was doing the work, sir.
4	Q.	But my question to you was, did
5	Mr. San Migu	uel ever say something to you like,
6	"Myrna, you	are just too old to be doing this job"?
7	Did he ever	say anything like that?
8	Α.	No, sir. He say thank you
9	Q.	All right.
10	Α.	for doing all the work.
11	Q.	So he was appreciative of the effort
12	you put in,	wasn't he?
13	Α.	Yes, sir.
14	Q.	And was it about this time that
15	Mr. San Mig	uel was wrapping up his personal
16	situation r	egarding his divorce, or do you recall?
17	Α.	I think, yes.
18	Q.	And was it about this time that he also
19	began to ha	ve another woman that he was seeing and
20	dating?	
21	Α.	Maybe, yes.
22	Q.	Did you ever go out with Mr. San Miguel
23	and his gir	lfriend, Kaylonna, sometime after this
24	evaluation?	
25	Α.	I do not go out, but they came to our

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1	house.
2	Q. And when was that, 4th of July?
3 .	A. Yes, sir.
4	Q. All right.
5	MR. DICKENS: Time for a break.
6	2:34 PM
7	(Off record)
8	(Exhibit 9 duly marked)
9	2:59 PM
10	BY MR. DICKENS:
11	Q. Ms. Johnson, with the addition of that
12	last page, we now have a five-page exhibit marked
13	as Exhibit 9, and it has got document stamp numbers
14	at the bottom, 200137 through 141. Is that what
15	you have?
16	A. Yes, sir.
17	Q. For the record, can you identify the
18	documents that comprise Exhibit 9?
19	A. The first page is the request for
20	personal leave of absence.
21	Q. And why did you request a personal
22	leave of absence?
23	A. Because I was going to take my daughter
24	in the Philippines.
25	Q. Well, now, earlier I kept talking about

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1	a personal leave of absence. You kept saying a
2	family leave of absence. Looking at page 1 of
3	Exhibit 9, you did ask for a personal leave of
4	absence at that time, did you not?
5	A. I asked for a personal leave of
6	absence.
7	Q. And is the first half of that your
8	handwriting above the dotted line, "Approval
9	guarantees the employee's return"?
10	A. Yes, sir.
11	Q. And who signed it in the middle there?
12	A. That is Fred.
13	Q. Fred Sayre, the store director?
14	A. Yes, sir.
15	Q. And was the leave approved, as you
16	understood it, the personal leave?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. And at the bottom it says "Human
19	Resources Authorization, leave approved, yes." And
20	then it refers to "You qualify for a FMLA LOA. As
21	soon as I receive a completed Certification of
22	Healthcare Provider, I'll be able to put you on a
23	FMLA LOA." Do you know whose signature that is?
24	A. No, sir.
25	Q. Do you know what the date is there,

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1	first. Whatever is left will be applied to my
2	family leave.
3	Q. So what difference does it make whether
4	your leave was approved, from a personal
5	standpoint was listed as personal leave or FMLA
6	leave, from a practical standpoint?
7	A. Because if I get a personal leave and a
8	family leave, I will have a paycheck for the whole
9	time I was gone.
10	Q. Where did you get that opinion?
11	A. From him. From that is how we
12	understand the family leave. We use first our
13	personal leave, our vacation.
14	Q. well, didn't you understand that you
15	could use your personal I mean your vacation
16	toward your family leave?
17	A. I don't have enough hours for vacation,
18	for personal vacation.
19	Q. Okay. But you can get an unpaid
20	personal leave, and you got, basically, four weeks
21	of personal leave, didn't you?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. I'm trying to understand, from a
24	practical standpoint, what difference does it make
25	to you whether the leave that was approved from

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1	February 12, 2002, to March 13, 2002, was personal
2	leave or family leave?
3	A. There would be no difference.
4	Q. That's what I understand. So why are
5	we making an issue of whether or not you got family
6	leave or not?
7	A. Because I do not have enough for a
8	personal leave. I don't have enough hours to get a
9	paycheck for personal leave. I have only few,
10	maybe two weeks or something. I don't remember how
11	many hours was that.
12	Q. Are you saying that go ahead.
13	A. So that I can have a paycheck when I
14	was gone. What he said is, I will use all my
15	vacation left, and then whatever, for the other two
16	weeks or how many days, that will be my family
17	leave.
18	Q. Are you paid family leave?
19	A. Yes. It is almost like you are sick
20	you are sick.
21	Q. Did you lose any pay while you were on
22	your personal leave from February 12, 2002, to
23	March 13, 2002?
24	A. I didn't lose any on personal leave.
25	Q. So you were paid for that period of

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1	A. I told him that I will talk to all my
2	employees, and I will make sure that recovery was
3	taken care of to the ways that he wants it.
4	Q. And in his e-mail to you, he refers to,
5	"This morning Fred called me to the men's section
6	to walk the ALE department. I was embarrassed by
7	the conditions in some areas. This is not
8	acceptable any longer."
9	Is Fred, Fred Sayre?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. And he goes on to talk about,
12	"Expectations are a lot higher now, especially when
13	the lead assistant is closing." Did he explain to
14	you what he meant by that?
15	A. He did not explain it to me. He send
16	me kind of like an e-mail.
17	Q. Another one, or this one?
18	A. It is a long one that has all the
19	little projects that our district manager wants to
20	be done.
21	Q. All right. So was this the first
22	e-mail after you got back that was critical of the
23	recovery?
24	A. Yes.
25	(Exhibit 11 duly marked)

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1	BY MR. DICKENS:	
2	Q. Ms. Johnson, could	you identify
3	Exhibit 11, please?	
4	A. This is what I call	ed the tour.
5	Q. Is this the result	of someone walking
6	around the department and makir	ng a note of things
7	that need to be done?	
. 8	A. Yes, sir.	
9	Q. And that's normally	done at the
10	beginning of the shift by the o	lepartment manager?
11	A. This is done in the	e morning, yes.
12	Q. Right. At the begi	nning of the day?
13	A. Yes.	
14	Q. And whose handwriti	ng is this?
15	A. Mr. San Miguel.	
16	Q. Did you receive a c	copy of this?
17	A. He showed me this o	copy.
18	Q. He showed it to you	or gave you a copy?
19	A. He showed this to m	ne, because this
20	is on that day, this is not	part of my job.
21	Q. Whose job is it?	
22	A. These are the thing	s that has to be
23	done in the morning.	
24	Q. Oh, all right.	
25	A. Before when the	from the morning.

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1	whether it is 2-27-02 or 3-27-02?
2	A. I have not seen this, sir, before.
3	Q. Now, as you sit here today,
4	Ms. Johnson, do you know what is meant by a
5	"Completed certification of healthcare provider"?
6	A. I don't understand what it meant, sir.
7	Q. And where did you get this Request for
8	Personal Leave of Absence form?
9	A. From this is the one that
10	Mr. San Miguel gave me.
11	Q. All right. Let's look at page 2. That
12	says, "Application for Family Medical Leave of
13	Absence." Where did you get that one?
14	A. From him also. These were all
15	together, sir.
16	Q. Okay. So both pages 1 and page 2, it
17	is your recollection that Mr. San Miguel gave those
18	to you?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. And, again, it is not your recollection
2.1	that you got these from Ms. Harmon?
22	A. No.
23	Q. All right. Now, the first part of
24	that, page 2, is that in your handwriting?
25	A. Yes.

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1	Q. Okay. So whoever was on that morning,
2	like Mr. San Miguel and whoever else was filling in
3	in the daytime in the management job, would be
4	doing this?
5	A. If I was scheduled in the morning, sir,
6	Mr. San Miguel will walk and then will hand this to
7	me so that I have this done before I leave at 5:00.
8	Q. Okay. Then who was there at that time
9	that would have gotten a copy of this as part of
10	their responsibility?
11	A. Probably Johnna or whoever was working
12	with him that day.
13	Q. Now, did Mr. San Miguel indicate that
14	any of the "job to be completed" comments on this
15	were your responsibility from the night before?
16	A. Okay. My responsibility, sir, is to
17	grab and finish whatever the person who works
18	before me could not finish this did not get
19	finished.
20	Q. My question, though, was, did
21	Mr. San Miguel say to you, "Myrna, all of these
22	things should have been done the night before, so
23	we shouldn't have these problems this morning."
24	Did he say that or words similar
25	thereto?

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1	A. The tour, sir, is different every day.
2	Q. I understand that.
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Do you understand my question, though?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. What did Mr. San Miguel say, if
7	anything, to you about your responsibility for some
8	of the items that needed to be done that day which
9	are listed on Exhibit 11, the daily tour report?
10	A. Yes. These are supposed to be done
11	that day, on the 14th. We have to finish it on the
12	14.
13	Q. All right. I'll try this one more
14	time.
15	Exhibit 11 is a daily tour done in
16	the morning by Mr. San Miguel?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. Do we agree?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. It lists things that needed to be done
21	that morning as soon as possible, correct?
22	A. Yes, sir. The whole day.
23	Q. Now, you say Mr. San Miguel showed this
24	to you, Exhibit 11?
25	A. He gave yes, he showed it to me.

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1	Q. Did he give you a copy?
2	A. The copy was there at the desk.
3	Q. Okay. Did he say to you, "Myrna, there
4	are too many things on this that should have been
5	done last night, and you can't fail to get this
6	work done so that it makes such a busy day for
7	those of us in the morning"? Did he make any
8	comment like that to you?
9	A. Maybe he did. I don't really remember
10	if he say that.
11	Q. That's fine. All right.
12	(Exhibit 12 duly marked)
13	BY MR. DICKENS:
14	Q. Ms. Johnson, do you recognize
15	Exhibit 12?
16	A. Yes, sir.
17	Q. What is it, for the record?
18	A. It is an Office Vision from
19	Mr. San Miguel.
20	Q. So initially it starts off with your OV
2.1	to Mr. San Miguel about the plan-o-gram, and then
22	Mr. San Miguel advising you on Wednesday, March 13,
23	2002, that "Minerva or Julita must complete this
24	plan-o-gram tonight. It has been a week. I can't
25	wait any longer. I want it done tonight." Isn't

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1	that what he's telling you?	
2	A. Yes.	
3	Q. Did he talk to you in person or just	
4	send you the OV?	
5	A. On the 12th, he talked to me in person.	
6	Q. Okay. Then the next morning the	
7	12th was Tuesday, your first day back, wasn't it?	
8	A. Yes. He told that to me.	
9	Q. So then the next day he's telling you	
10	it didn't get done, so let's get it done; is that	
11	right?	
12	A. Yes.	
13	Q. Is this the one that never got done?	
14	A. Excuse me?	
15	Q. This is the plan-o-gram that never got	
16	done while you were still at Fred Meyer?	
17	A. It got done by me.	
18	Q. It did?	
19	A. Yes, but not to his standard.	
20	Q. Oh, okay.	
21	(Exhibit 13 duly marked)	
22	BY MR. DICKENS:	
23	Q. Ms. Johnson, can you identify	
24	Exhibit 13, please?	
25	A. This is an Office Vision from	

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1	Mr. San Miguel.			
2	Q. Okay. This is the one you got on			
3	Saturday evening about things to be done by the			
4	following day, Sunday, March 17, 2002?			
5	A. Yes, sir.			
6	Q. Now, is this a typical OV for you			
7	coming on at the closing shift, on a day when			
8	Mr. San Miguel was off, as to things he wanted to			
9	have you do during that day?			
10	A. Yes. When he did this Office Vision,			
11	sir, he send it to all of us.			
12	Q. Who is "all of us"?			
13	A. The section head, me.			
14	Q. Okay. But you are the person who is			
15	the highest-ranking management person at that time?			
16	A. Yes, sir.			
17	Q. What is a pass-down log?			
18	A. I don't exactly remember it now.			
19	Q. All right.			
20	A. Let me think. (Pause).			
21	Q. Rather than go over all of these things			
22	here, do you have a recollection in general,			
23	Ms. Johnson, as to whether there were any items to			
24	be completed by Sunday, March 17, 2002, that were			
25	not done that are on this OV list to you from			
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1	Mr. San Miguel?
2	A. That I sent an e-mail to Steve Nichols.
3	Q. Who is Steve Nichols?
4	A. He was, I think, assistant or manager
5	from a different store.
6	Q. Now, let me make sure I'm clear on
7	this. Is this a regular, common type OV that you
8	would get for this situation that you are
9	working Saturday evening, Mr. San Miguel is off on
10	Sunday, and he's listing things to cover on Sunday?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. All right. So did you see anything
13	wrong with this OV, as far as the request for
14	things to do?
15	A. No.
16	Q. This wasn't harassing?
17	A. No.
18	(Exhibit 14 duly marked)
19	BY MR. DICKENS:
20	Q. Ms. Johnson, for the record, what is
21	Exhibit 14?
22	A. It is an e-mail, sir, or OV from
23	Mr. San Miguel.
24	Q. And what is this one about?
25	A. It is about the Read and Signs,

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1	Intersection Transfers/Return Policy, and Employee
2	Appraisals, Lockout/Tagout that was in our
3	training.
4	Q. So what is that asking you to do, as
5	you understood it?
6	A. That OV from him about progress of all
7	of these.
8	Q. Again, just making sure that certain
9	administrative tasks had been done?
10	A. These are done, sir. I did this.
11	Q. Right. But I'm saying, he's asking,
12	"Just tell me these were done," just so he knows?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. All right. Again, fairly common as far
15	as an everyday responsibility?
16	A. Yes, sir.
17	Q. All right.
18	(Exhibit 15 duly marked)
19	BY MR. DICKENS:
20	Q. Ms. Johnson, what is Exhibit 15?
21	A. It is another e-mail from
22	Mr. San Miguel.
23	Q. So it looks like the third one we have
24	had here on Saturday, March 16th?
25	A. Yes, sir.

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1	Q. His what? SBS?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. What is that?
4	A. That's for working for the State of
,	5 Alaska.
	Q. All right. And has this been
,	satisfied, this judgment?
	8 A. No, sir.
	(Exhibit 21 duly marked)
10	BY MR. DICKENS:
1:	Q. Ms. Johnson, taking a look at
12	Exhibit 21, can you identify that, please?
1:	A. This is the Alaska State Commission for
1.	Human Rights Intake Questionnaire.
1	₅ Q. Did you fill that out in your own
1	6 handwriting?
1	7 A. Yes.
1	Q. Under Section 2, it starts off it
1	says, "I believe I was discriminated against
2	because of my," and then it says to check a box.
2'	You checked "age," did you not?
2	A. I check "age," yes.
2	Q. You checked "parenthood," did you not?
2	A. Yes, I check parenthood.
2	Q. You never checked "race"?

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1	A. No, sir.
2	Q. You don't think race is an issue, do
3	you?
4	A. No.
5	Q. You never checked "sex"?
6	A. No.
7	Q. You don't think sex is an issue, do
8	you?
9	A. I I don't think so.
10	Q. Now, you have checked "employment" down
11	below. So I understand that your contention is,
12	that you are contending that your age and
13	parenthood was an issue in your employment. Is
14	that one of your contentions in this lawsuit?
15	A. Yes, sir.
16	Q. Look on page 2 under Paragraph 6. It
17	says this is your handwriting, is it not?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. It says, "I work for Fred Meyer since
20	December 2, 1992. Last February 13 to March 12,
21	2002, I took a leave of absence/vacation to take
22	care of my daughter." Is that what you wrote at
23	the time?
24	A. Yes. I refer the personal leave of
25	absence as vacation.

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1	Q. Didn't you tell her on April 30, 2002,		
2	about a month after you left Fred Meyer, that,		
3	"When I left the meeting with Mr. Sayre and		
4	Mr. San Miguel, I felt I had quit my job"?		
5	A. I was so embarrassed to say I was		
6	fired, sir. Even now, I because		
7	Q. My question is, isn't that what you		
8	told Erin Collins on April 30, 2002, "When I left,		
9	I felt I had quit my job"?		
10	A. If that is was that says, the paperwork		
11	says.		
12	Q. well, that's what it does say. I'm		
13	asking if you did say that?		
14	A. Yes.		
15	MR. DICKENS: Would you mark that,		
16	please?		
17	(Exhibit 22 duly marked)		
18	BY MR. DICKENS:		
19	Q. Ms. Johnson, can you identify		
20	Exhibit 22, please?		
21	A. This is I typed this to recall what		
22	happened from March 12 to March 18.		
23	Q. Okay. When did you prepare it?		
24	A. After I found out that on the 20th.		
25	Q. Well, when after the 20th?		

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1	remember what but it is also doing the same
2	thing.
3	Q. And then the last page is the Foster
4	Grant. That's a fairly small thing?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Now, tell me about Foster Grant. One
7	of your allegations is that after your employment
8	with Fred Meyer ended on March 18, 2002, you
9	continued to service the Foster Grant products at
10	the Fred Meyer store?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. Did an incident ever come up when you
13	were asked to restrict the timing of your visits?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. Tell me about that.
16	A. I was working at Fred Meyer putting out
17	sunglasses. And Johnna Havard came to me. Jaime
18	was standing at the shoe department watching Johnna
19	Havard and me. And Johnna Havard said, "Jaime sent
20	me to talk to you, that he only wants you to work
21	in here when he's around."
22	Q. And so what's wrong with that?
23	A. That has never been a policy on any
24	vendor job that I do. It will be hard, because the
25	reason why I am fast on this job, sir, is I start
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1	from one store, move finish the job as much as I	
2	can, move to the other store, do it again. And if	
3	I will have to call and ask when is Mr. San Miguel	
4	at the store to work in there, it will almost be	
5	making just less than minimum wage. It will be	
6	kind of very it is hard. Because I don't know	
7	what time he gets there. And besides, it is not	
8	the policy to do that.	
9	Q. Let's talk a minute. You are arguing	
10	with me. I just asked you what happened. You only	
11	earned \$430 at Foster Grant, so what is the big	
12	deal?	
13	A. Sir, I lost my job at Fred Meyer at the	
14	time. So even \$1 or \$2 was important to me.	
15	Q. Did you quit servicing Foster Grant?	
16	A. I have to.	
17	Q. well, why? You could come in when he's	
18	there. He's there six days a week, most of the	
19	time during the daytime. So I don't see that you	
20	are restricted, are you?	
21	A. I wasn't very comfortable, sir.	
22	Q. Didn't you have a nephew that worked	
23	for you?	
24	A. No. It is my nephew works for my	
25	husband.	
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1	Q. Did you ever have your nephew service		
2	the Foster Grant display?		
3	A. No, sir.		
4	Q. Did you ever have your husband service		
5	the Foster Grant display?		
6	A. No.		
7	Q. Was your husband ever precluded from		
8	servicing anything at Fred Meyer?		
9	A. No. I was not even precluded to.		
10	Q. No. You were just limited on the time		
11	frame, correct?		
12	A. The what, sir?		
13	Q. You were simply limited, as to the		
14	hours you could service, during the regular		
15	business hours that Mr. San Miguel was there?		
16	A. It was hard for me to be standing in		
17	there and working a minimum-wage job while my boss		
18	is watching my former boss was watching me. It		
19	was it was very, very hard, sir, to to think		
20	of such failure.		
27	Q. All right.		
22	(Exhibit 24 duly marked)		
23	BY MR. DICKENS:		
24	Q. Ms. Johnson, can you identify		
25	Exhibit 24 for me, please?		

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1	A. From November until March.
2	Q. And I would expect there were no
3	documents to confirm those discussions?
4	A. No, sir.
5	Q. Do you know anyone who has any records
6	that would refer to any emotional distress that you
7	have been suffering for any reason after March 18,
8	2002, to the present day?
9	A. No, sir.
10	Q. All right.
11	(Exhibit 25 duly marked)
12	BY MR. DICKENS:
13	Q. For the record, Ms. Johnson, what is
14	Exhibit 25?
15	A. This is our weekly schedule.
16	Q. For when?
17	A. From March 17 to March 23.
18	Q. As I understand, the abbreviations at
19	Fred Meyer, at the top, it is the apparel weekly
20	work schedule for the week ending March 23, 2002?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. So this would have been posted the
23	Friday before, which would have been, it looks
24	like, March 14, 2002?
25	A. Yes, I think so.

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	1 Q. Ok	ay. As I read this for your		
	schedule, you	were set to work 1:30 to 11:30,		
	3 Sunday, Monday	, Tuesday; off Wednesday, Thursday;		
	4 1:30 to 11:30	on Friday; and then you have 10:00 to		
	5 8:00 on Saturd	ay, and 7:00 to 5:00 on Sunday.		
	6 A. Ye	s, sir.		
	7 Q. So	it looks as of Saturday that you		
	<pre>8 were scheduled</pre>	back more on a day shift, correct?		
	9 A. On	one day, sir, yes.		
1	o Q. An	d then on Sunday, it is the regular		
1	early 7:00 a.m. shift, right?			
	2 A. Th	nis one Sunday, sir, is not a final		
:	3 schedule. Thi	s is what this is a tentative		
:	4 schedule. Thi	s one is subject to change.		
	.5 Q. HO	ow do you know that?		
	A. Th	nat is our policy, because that is		
	only what we t	thought about. When the manager do		
	the next scheo	dule, the schedule for the following		
		ll be the final.		
	•	ll right. But if that holds, it would		
		ne Sunday starting on March 24, you		
		be back on the day shift schedule?		
		f he will not change it.		
	•	ll right. And as I read this		
	schedule, you	are working that week, under this		